

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 16-17, 2004

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Action Item

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Ref: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION PER
RESOLUTION G-03-19, FOR LOCAL STIP PROJECT
WAIVER-03-61**

ISSUE:

The California Transportation Commission (Commission) allocated construction funds totaling \$1,046,000 for a project in the City of Los Angeles as shown on the attachment. The City awarded the contract, but does not anticipate completing the project by the completion deadline. The attachment shows the details of the project and the delays that have resulted in the extension request. The project sponsor requests an extension, and the planning agency concurs.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation's recommendation is shown on the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

Resolution G-03-19, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines, adopted by the Commission on December 11, 2003, stipulates that after a contract is awarded, the implementing agency has up to 36 months to complete the contract. The Guidelines further stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Project Completion Deadline
Local Streets and Roads Projects
Program Year 2003/2004

Project #	Applicant County	Extension Amount By Component (\$ in thousands) E&P PS&E R/W CON TOTAL	Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
Reason for Project Delay:			
1	City of Los Angeles	\$0	12 months
	Los Angeles	\$0	
		\$0	08/29/2005
	PPNO: 2864	\$1,046	
	Citywide Streetscape Improvement	\$1,046	Support – meets STIP guidelines
<p>This project, consisting of multiple sites, was approved for construction on August 28, 2001 by the Federal Highway Administration. As of April 30, 2004, invoices have been submitted for a majority of the funds, with only three major elements yet to be completed.</p> <p>Progress towards finalizing the remaining work has been hampered by unforeseen site conditions requiring additional geotechnical consideration of slope stability and by the unpredictability of heightened security levels affecting work on sites in proximity to the Federal Building. The City believes that an additional 12 months, to August 2005, should provide sufficient time to complete the project.</p> <p>The three unfinished project elements are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Sidewalk Repair at Figueroa Street – This section of the sidewalk lies directly below a 30-foot high slope. The portion of the sidewalk at the toe of the slope is buried under years of slough soil materials. The alternative to include a \$400,000 retaining structure is cost ineffective and prohibitive. Slope stability concerns necessitated further investigation and additional consultation with the City's Geotechnical Section. It has since been determined that a retaining structure is not necessary. (2) Go For Broke Monument Pedestrian Walkway – The proposed walkway will channel pedestrian traffic from the monument through an existing parking lot to the adjacent sidewalk on Temple Street. The City's various departments, including Public Works as project sponsor, General Services and property owner, and Transportation as traffic consultant, are finalizing the modification design. Work will include the relocation of fences, restriping of parking stalls, and the construction of a new concrete walkway. (3) Sidewalk Repair Adjacent to the 200 N Main Street Federal Building – Due to security concerns, concrete K-rails have been placed along the curb line around the Federal building. The City is required to obtain Federal approval prior to repairing the adjacent sidewalks. As of April 20, 2004, the City has successfully repaired the sidewalk at the corner of Los Angeles and Temple Streets. However, work has not commenced on the sidewalk on Aliso Street between Los Angeles and Alameda Streets. The City is currently finalizing the worksite security sequence and procedure with the federal representative. 			